

**UNAPPROVED
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Legislative/Regulatory Committee met on Friday, February 20, 2009 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 3rd Floor, Conference Room #3, Henrico, Virginia. The following members were present:

Maureen Lyons, P.T.
Robert Izzo, P.T.
Lorraine C. Quinn, P.T.A.
J. R. Locke

The following member was absent:

Damien Howell, P.T.
Peggy Belmont, P.T.

DHP staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Licensure Operations Manager

Guests Present:

John Miller, Virginia Physical Therapy Association
Lisa Shoaf, Virginia Physical Therapy Association

CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Lyons, P.T., called the Legislative/Regulatory Committee meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESIDING

Maureen Lyons, P.T.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION OF REGULATIONS AND LAWS

During the periodic review of regulations, there were several comments and issues that the Board elected to refer to the Legislative/Regulatory Committee. The Committee has the following recommendations for inclusion in a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA):

- 1) Clarify section 70 regarding traineeships to specify that the unlicensed graduate applying for a traineeship has been scheduled to take the national examination.
- 2) Amend section 140 to limit the number of supervisors for each trainee to no more than two PTs to ensure some continuity in training.
- 3) Amend section 140 to state that a trainee be designated as a "PT Trainee" or "PTA Trainee" for the sake of public safety.
- 4) Amend section 140 to state that all patient progress notes must be countersigned by the trainee's supervisor. This includes computerized/electronic patient care notes to have documentation that the trainee is being supervised.
- 5) Amend section 50(D), which currently requires a 1,000 hour full-time traineeship to allow a part-time traineeship, but include a limitation of two years on the amount of time allotted for completion. The time limit could be waived or extended for hardship circumstances in which the trainee needs additional time for completion.
- 6) Consider allowing the PTA traineeship to be a fewer number of hours than the PT traineeship, since PTA education programs are shorter than PT education programs, and the scope of services provided by the PTA is less than that provided by a physical therapist. Traineeship hours for an unlicensed graduate or an inactive PTA could be reduced from 480 hours to 320 or 240 hours.
- 7) Consider elimination of "face-to-face" requirement for Type I courses to allow home study, online or audio courses offered by the approving organizations to be counted, but increase the number of hours that must be Type I from 15 to 20 per biennium for PTs and from 10 to 15 for PTAs. Type II CE hours would be reduced from 15 to 10 for PTs and from 20 to 15 for PTAs.
- 8) Consider amendments to sections on endorsement, reinstatement or reactivation to allow passage of the new FSBPT Practice Review Test as a mechanism for determining competence of persons who have not been actively practicing and who wishes to return to practice in lieu of a traineeship.

The Committee recommended that since 18VAC112-20-140 requires that the 480 hour traineeship shall be in a facility that serves as a clinical education facility for students enrolled in

an accredited program educating physical therapists in Virginia; that the 480 hour traineeship application should be amended to include the following:

- Include section 18VAC112-20-140 on the traineeship application; and
- Add an attestation statement and require that the supervising physical therapist complete and sign the traineeship application.

Break

The Committee recessed for a break at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

Legislative Update – Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts provided the Committee with a brief update in regard to current legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Maureen Lyons, PT., Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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